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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application
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The communication filed on 1/24/00 is not fully responsive to the communication mailed 2/4/00 regarding the sequence Rules. Applicant argues that the claimed sequence does not have at least four specifically defined amino acid residues because all but one residues are substituted. Examiner disagrees.

The claimed polypeptide can be represented by the following sequence (sub. = substituted):

sub.Gly - Thr- sub.Pro -sub.Thr - sub.Thr - sub.Pro
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As the sequence has at least four identified residues, it is a subject to Sequence Rules. Substitutions in Thr and Pro residues can be specified in the comments for each residue. Linker can be reflected as substitution to either adjacent Gly or Pro residues. Applicant must provide a computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing, a paper copy of the Sequence Listing as well as an amendment directing its entry into the specification, and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter as required by 37 CFR 1.825(a) and (b).


Since the response appears to be **bona fide**, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of one (1) month from the date of this letter.

NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 C.F.R.

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1.136(a) OR (b), BUT THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE SET IN THE COMMUNICATION MAILED [mail date] MAY BE EXTENDED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX (6) MONTHS UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner M. BORIN, whose telephone number is (703) 305-4506.

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